

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

The airing of the anti-Kerry program seems to be a clear violation of campaign finance rules. The FCC must step up and protect the American public from such a blatant disregard for the law. It is clear that Sinclair want President Bush to be re-elected, so that they can use him to bully the FCC into adopting regulations that would increase the company's profit margin. I hope the FCC will not let itself be played.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.